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A-P - Mr. Peurifoy

This is the case about which I spoke to you this morning. Originally SIG made this request and received a direct turn-down. Hillenkoetter then decided to address a memorandum to the Secretary of State. Theoretically I know nothing about it and my memorandum to Mr. Eddy was based on the assumption that we would accede to the SIG request. Armstrong from Eddy's office then called me on the telephone and after some argument agreed that it would be difficult to adhere to the refusal.

I assume that you will want to handle the matter from here on since the whole thing properly falls within your sphere.

S/S:RER:me

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MEMORANDUM

To: S/S - Mr. Reams

In the confusion attendant upon moving, your note of May 22nd, enclosing a memorandum for the Secretary from the Central Intelligence Group, was received in my office only yesterday afternoon.

The Department, of course, has no desire to hinder the Central Intelligence Group in the carrying out of its coordinating function in connection with field collection activities, and it does not object to the proposed inspection visits for that purpose. It should not be necessary to reiterate the view --- firmly expressed by the Department's representatives in the discussions leading up to the KIA collection directive --- that the diplomatic missions and the Foreign Service must continue to report to, and receive instructions from, the Department, a view which was equally firmly expressed by the War and Navy Departments on their own behalf with respect to the military and naval attaches. Nevertheless, it might be prudent to reassert this basic concept, as it might be an easy transition for CIC from inspection to direction.

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May 22, 1947

SA/E - Mr. Eddy

It seems to S/S that CIG's request should be granted unless there is some strong reason to the contrary. Please let me have a memo containing your views on this subject in order that Mr. Peurifoy's office may be asked to make any necessary arrangements.

Some of the argumentation contained in this memorandum seems a bit unusual. However, I have not followed the NIA decisions and they may be all right. If you have any comments on this I would like to have them.

S/S:RRReams:amm

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
WASHINGTON DC

21 May 1947

Memorandum for the Secretary of State:

You will recall that a CIG plan for coordinated collection of biographic data was issued as of 1 November 1946 and that a broader plan for coordination of all collection activities in all fields was issued in the name of the NIA as of 2 January 1947.

Both plans provide for coordinators at foreign posts to coordinate the activities of State, War, and Navy personnel attached thereto. In approving both plans, the War and Navy Departments emphasized the fact that field coordination by ambassadors or ministers would be in their capacity of representatives of the President and not as agents of the State Department and that related communications to these chiefs of mission would be issued through the State Department solely because that was the channel established by the President.

In the opinion of CIG it is desirable that brief visits be made to nearby posts by members of the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff of CIG to survey the impact which the implementation of these two plans has had on the operations of State, War and Navy personnel at the posts and the reactions of the ambassadors to the coordinating efforts of the Director of Central Intelligence in the collection field.

These surveys are desirable at this time because CIG personnel are now available and will not be later and because it will be helpful to the Director of Central Intelligence in preparing subsequent "Implementations" to learn through CIG channels of any difficulties which may have been or are being encountered in the initial stages.

The desired schedule is:

Capt. Athelbert Watts, USN - to Mexico City - May 26
Mr. Donald Edgar - to Ottawa - June 1
Col. James E. Briggs - to Bogota - June 9
Capt. Henry C. Doan, USN - to Caracas - June 16

It is requested that an appropriate officer of the State Department be designated as the contact point to facilitate the prompt arrangement of necessary administrative details.

/s/ R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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